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Laura Praye Area Habitat Biologist Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife 16018 Mill Creek Blvd. Mill Creek, WA 98112

Re: Ash Grove Cement Company Dolphin Replacement

Request for Hydraulic Project Approval

Dear Ms. Praye:

Ash Grove Cement Company (Ash Grove) is requesting a Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) to replace a dilapidated timber dolphin at their barge off-loading facility in the Duwamish River. The 35-timber-pile dolphin will be replaced with a 3-steel-pile dolphin in order to maintain safe landing conditions at the barge slip. Three copies of the JARPA with figures are enclosed for your review. We have requested a SEPA Exemption from the City of Seattle and will forward this to you as soon as we receive it.

Please contact Sasha Visconty at 206-903-3310 or via e-mail at svisconty@anchorenv.com if you need further information to process the application. Thank you.

Sincerely,

CC:

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